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FOR: THIOAMIDES AND SALTS THEREOF AND CYTOKINE PRODUCTION

INHIBITORS CONTAINING BOTH

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 1, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-11, for examination. Applicants provisionally elect with traverse, for examination purposes only, the species:

N-(4-(3-chloro-5-trifluoromethyl-2-pyridyloxy)-2-fluorophenyl)-2-fluoro-5-nitrothiobenzamide

wherein A is C-NO₂; Hal is a fluorine atom; M^1 is a phenylene group substituted with a fluorine atom; M^2 is an oxygen atom, R^6 's are a chlorine atom and a trifluoromethyl group; Cy is a pyridyl group; k = p = q = 0; and r = 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.